

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendments which generally conform the specification, claims, and abstract to U.S. practice.

Concerning the claims, Applicants request that any amendments made during the International Phase of the corresponding PCT application not be entered in this U.S. National Stage filing. Instead, Applicants request entry of the present amendments under 37 C.F.R. §§1.115 & 1.121, which are based upon the claims as originally filed in the International Phase of the PCT application. Herein, original claims 1-26 are presented in rewritten format to conform the claim set to U.S. practice and standards. Namely, claims 1 and 3-23 are amended and claims 24-26 are cancelled.

No new matter is being introduced by this amendment as antecedent support is set forth in the originally filed application.

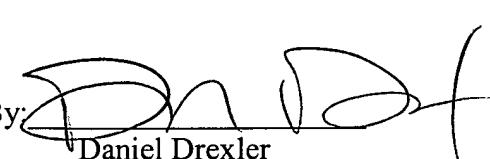
Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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